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J1F316XA	Beaded Jewellery - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	03/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£44.00	£36.00	Create an original piece to impress your friends. Fee includes materials
J1B347GA	Calligraphy for All	Great Linford Arts Workshop	17/01/2012	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Practise lettering and design techniques
J1B343XQ	Creative Embroidery - City & Guilds Level 2 Award	Rivers ACE Centre	21/02/2012	Tu	12:30	14:30	15 wks	£165.00	£30.00	Create a collection of hand-embroidered accessories
J1A306XQ	Creative Textiles - City & Guilds Level 2 Award	Rivers ACE Centre	20/02/2012	Mo	19:30	21:30	15 wks	£165.00	£30.00	Further exciting ways to use print and pattern with textiles for learners who have enjoyed Level 1
J1F312XA	Creative Writing - Novel Writing - Workshop	Rivers ACE Centre	21/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Supportive group critique for work in progress
J1F327XA	Creative Writing - Romance - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	11/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	How to structure your story and develop your characters for this market
J1C363ZA	Drawing & Painting - Advanced	Madcap Arts Centre	18/01/2012	We	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Ideal for learners wishing to work collaboratively towards themed exhibitions
J1D333LA	Drawing & Painting - Beginners	Westcroft Library	19/01/2012	Th	13:15	15:15	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Confidence building for learners with a little experience
J1D342XA	Drawing & Painting - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	19/01/2012	Th	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Confidence building for learners with a little experience
J1B355GA	Drawing for All	Great Linford Arts Workshop	17/01/2012	Tu	13:00	15:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Carefully planned to build your confidence whatever your prior experience
J1B353XA	Drawing for those who can't	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	13:00	15:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Overcome your hang-ups about drawing
J1F321XA	Drawing with Pen & Ink	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	A useful extension class for Drawing or Watercolour students
J1A302CA	Dressmaking for All	Stantonbury Campus	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	For learners with varying experience. You will need your own machine
J1B357XQ	Interior Design - City & Guilds Level 2 Award	Rivers ACE Centre	23/02/2012	Th	19:00	21:00	15 wks	£165.00	£30.00	Move on from Level 1 to create designs, mood boards and plans for a home office
J1F330GA	Jewellery - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	04/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£44.00	£36.00	Create a simple piece to take home. Fee includes basic materials
J1B349GQ	Jewellery & Silversmithing - City & Guilds Level 1 Award*	Great Linford Arts Workshop	21/02/2012	Tu	13:00	15:00	15 wks	£210.00	£30.00	Create an individually designed ring with cabochon stone, pendant or brooch
J1A304GQ	Jewellery & Silversmithing - City & Guilds Level 2 Award*	Great Linford Arts Workshop	20/02/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	15 wks	£210.00	£30.00	Create an individually designed dress ring or a set of decorated buttons
J1F320GA	Jewellery & Silversmithing - Precious Metal Clay*	Great Linford Arts Workshop	10/03/2012	Sat	09:30	16:30	1 day	£70.00	£61.00	Create several individual pieces. Fee includes basic materials
J1B352GA	Jewellery & Silversmithing - Project Based*	Great Linford Arts Workshop	17/01/2012	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£120.00	£96.00	Level 3 City and Guilds Awards can be offered as an optional extra if you sign up for next term too
J1D340GA	Jewellery & Silversmithing - Project Based*	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2012	Th	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£120.00	£96.00	Design development for more experienced learners
J1F319GA	Kiln Glass - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	04/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	First steps in fusing clear and coloured glass to make small decorative items
J1C362XA	Landscape Techniques in Watercolour - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	12:30	14:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Step-by-step guidance to producing finished landscape paintings
J1C365XA	Landscape Techniques in Watercolour - Intermediate/Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	For experienced learners who are confident in landscape techniques
J1B348GA	Life Drawing - Advanced	Great Linford Arts Workshop	17/01/2012	Tu	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£135.00	£111.00	Focus on expressive line in full length poses. City & Guilds Awards can be offered as an optional extra. Fee includes model costs
J1F317GA	Life Drawing - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	04/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£50.00	£42.00	A beneficial additional course for art students at any level
J1A308XA	Machine Sewing - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	12:30	14:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Choose to make clothes from commercial patterns or made-to-measure home furnishings
J1B351LA	Painting - Acrylics for All	Newport Pagnell Library	17/01/2012	Tu	12:30	14:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Painting in acrylics for beginners and improvers
J1B369XA	Painting in Acrylics - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	10:30	12:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	For learners with a little experience to gain confidence using colour and texture
J1D336XA	Painting in Oils - Beginners & Improvers	Rivers ACE Centre	19/01/2012	Th	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Learn or refresh your skills using both brushes and palette knife
J1F311GA	Pottery - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	10/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£44.00	£36.00	Learn a range of interesting techniques & prepare your first pot for firing. Fee includes materials
J1D337GA	Pottery - Beginners and Improvers	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2012	Th	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Moulding and throwing for both new and continuing learners
J1B344GA	Pottery for All	Great Linford Arts Workshop	17/01/2012	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Throwing and shaping for more experienced learners
J1F329XA	Printmaking - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	10/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Create effective monotype/monoprints using a small press
J1F326XA	Sculpture - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	17/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£44.00	£36.00	Paper, wire and clay modelling for beginners. Fee includes basic materials
J1F324XA	Stained Glass - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Learn how to cut and join glass safely to make decorations
J1A310XQ	Stained Glass - City & Guilds Level 2 Award	Rivers ACE Centre	20/02/2012	Mo	19:30	21:30	15 wks	£165.00	£30.00	For learners moving on from Level 1 - opt to make a leaded panel for a specific location or a copper foil 3D project
J1C359XA	Upholstery - Beginners & Improvers	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	19:00	21:30	8 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Traditional techniques for re-covering small pieces of furniture
J1C366CA	Watercolour Painting - Absolute Beginners	Stantonbury Campus	18/01/2012	We	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Develop basic skills with this delightful medium
J1B356XA	Watercolour Painting - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	For learners with a little or no previous experience
J1B370XA	Watercolour Painting - Intermediate	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	13:30	15:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Build your confidence with new techniques and approaches
J1D338GA	Watercolour Painting for All	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2012	Th	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A flexible mixed ability approach with structured support for new learners
J1F318GA	Woodcarving - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	04/02/2012	Sat	13:00	16:00	1 day	£19.00	£15.00	Create a simple relief from your own or the tutor's design
J1F313GA	Woodturning - an Introduction	Great Linford Arts Workshop	10/03/2012	Sat	13:00	16:00	1 day	£19.00	£15.00	Find out if this craft is for you before investing in any tools
Business Skills										
Q1F313XA	Business Basics - Marketing	Rivers ACE Centre	10/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Developing your customer base, PR, promotion, advertising
Q1F305XQ	Customer Service - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	14/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	An introduction to the basic principles of customer service
Q1F312XA	Getting on at Work - Assertiveness & Confidence Building	Rivers ACE Centre	25/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	2 wks	£76.00	£61.00	Improve your interactions and how you deal with challenges in work and social situations
Q1F306XA	Getting on at Work - Problem Solving Techniques	Rivers ACE Centre	21/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Solve problems in a structured way using a variety of techniques
Q1F314XA	Learn to Speak with Confidence at Presentations, Public Events and Meetings	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	The title says it all!
Q1B303WA	Manual Book-keeping - OCR Level 1 Award	MK Academy	10/01/2012	Tu	19:00	21:00	18 wks	£202.00	£30.00	Learn the basic principles of the double entry book keeping system.
Q1E311MA	Minute Taking Skills	CMK ACE Centre	24/02/2012	Fr	09:30	15:30	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Learn how to take and present minutes effectively
Q1F307MA	NLP - Neuro-Linguistic Programming - an Introduction	CMK ACE Centre	28/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Use your thought processes to greater effect and improve rapport with others
Q1C309XA	NLP - Neuro-Linguistic Programming - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	22/02/2012	We	19:00	21:00	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Use your thought processes to greater effect and improve rapport with others
Q1C304XQ	Sage - Computerised Accounts - Level 1 - Fast Track	Rivers ACE Centre	11/01/2012	We	09:30	14:30	6 wks	£142.00	£30.00	Learn how to use Sage Line 50 software effectively
Q1B300XQ	Sage - Computerised Accounts - Level 2	Rivers ACE Centre	03/01/2012	Tu	19:00	21:30	12 wks	£159.00	£30.00	Build on Level 1 and process more complex transactions using Sage Line 50 software
Q1C308XQ	Sage - Computerised Accounts - Level 2 - Fast Track	Rivers ACE Centre	22/02/2012	We	09:30	15:30	6 wks	£159.00	£30.00	Build on Level 1 and process more complex transactions using Sage Line 50 software
Q1D310XQ	Sage - Computerised Accounts - Level 3	Rivers ACE Centre	23/02/2012	Th	18:30	21:15	15 wks	£209.00	£30.00	For learners who have passed Sage Level 2 and want to develop advanced skills
Q1F315MQ	Employabilty Award - Working in an Office	CMK ACE Centre	24/02/2012	Fr	09:30	12:00	12 wks	£0.00	£0.00	For learners who are not in paid employment - effective skills, qualities and attitudes for learning and work in an office
Q1B302WA	Starting up a Small Business Computer Skills	MK Academy	10/01/2012	Tu	19:00	21:00	8 wks	£84.00	£67.00	Consider the viability of YOUR new business idea and find out what help is available
F1A301CQ	Data Inputting (Access) ITQ Level 1 Award	Stantonbury Campus	09/01/2012	Mo	18:15	21:15	10 wks	£189.00	£30.00	Word-processing and data inputting to achieve a valuable qualification
F1A334FQ	Employability Award - Computer Skills for Beginners	Stantonbury Campus	09/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£0	£0	First steps using computers – for learners who are not in paid employment
F1E335FQ	Employability Award - Computer Skills for Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	13/01/2012	Fr	12:30	14:30	10 wks	£0	£0	First steps using computers – for learners who are not in paid employment
F1A308CA	Excel - Advanced 07	Stantonbury Campus	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Move on from Intermediate to learn even more advanced functions

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New Year honour for chairman of parish council

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Stony geared up for the new year

IT WAS all buffed bonnets, polished boots and sparking chrome fenders as car enthusiasts started the new year in style.

More than 150 vintage and classic cars and motorbikes turned out for Vintage Stony on New Year's Day as the Market Square in Stony Stratford became a parking lot for motoring history.

A large crowd turned out to see everything from a beautifully persevered Rolls Royce 20/25, once owned by a French Ambassador, to a part restored 1911 Krit Roadster.

Although the Krit may have won noisiest in show, most heads were turned by the Bugatti T35B as it roared out of the square just after lunchtime.

Those with more modern tastes headed for Cofferidge Close as E-type Jaguars in British racing green rubbed shoulders with pink Vauxhalls, yellow Lotuses and red Triumphs in the display of classic cars.

Top motor: Nigel Bird from New Bradwell shows off his 1938 Austin Big Seven Forlite at Vintage Stony

Pair appear in court accused of officer GBH

TWO men appeared in court yesterday after being charged with the GBH of a police officer in an incident on New Year's Day.

Ashley Barber, 29, of Carron Court, Bletchley, and Dale Whiteside, 31, of Pinders Croft, Greenleys, have both been charged with Section 18 GBH in connection to the injuries caused to PC Steve Leathersich in Hodge Lea Lane, Hodge Lea.

They have both also been charged with robbery in connection with the theft of a VW Passat taxi in High Street, Stony Stratford.

Mr Barber has also been charged with aggravated vehicle taking as a passenger and Mr Whiteside has been charged with aggravated vehicle taking as a driver.

The two men appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court for a committal hearing, where they were remanded in custody to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court for another hearing on Monday.

Two women who were arrested, aged 24 and 27, have been bailed to appear back at Milton Keynes Police Station on February 20.

A 39-year-old man arrested in connection with this incident has been released without further charge.

Phone put 'lives at risk'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PHONE company has apologised after a customer found personal details and links to pornographic websites on a handset she was given.

The company, Three, also said it will now be getting in touch with all its stores to make sure it does not happen again.

Contract phone customer Debbie Clewes, from Coffee Hall, took her mobile phone to the Three store in the centre:mk to get it fixed.

She was given a 'loan phone', which is similar to a courtesy car given to a driver after an accident.

But when she came to use it she found 57 text messages from numbers she didn't recognise.

Ms Clewes replied to one of the text messages thinking it was for her and after getting into a converstation with the sender discovered she was talking to a 17-year-old girl.

She said: "God forbid this phone falls into the wrong hands, which could put these girls' lives at risk.

"It's got loads and loads of messages on it and several of the messages are quite obviously from teenage girls.

"My big issue is that this is a loan phone so anyone could have gone in and got this.

"I've got three daughters of my own and I know how I would feel.

"I was that concerned about it that I got in touch with Thames Valley Police.

"How do I know my personal details are safe? When this goes back to Three are they going to have my messages and my details?

"I thought it was the company's duty to wipe the phone."

She also found links to pornographic websites on the phone's internet memory after they had been accessed by previous users.

She added: "What if someone has used the internet on the phone to access bank details?"

Ms Clewes said she was so concerned she got in touch with Three within half an hour of turning on the phone.

She also then got in touch with the Information Commissioner's Office to complain.

A spokesman there said principle five of the Data Protection Act states that personal data should not be kept for longer than necessary.

A Three spokesman said: "Our policy is to reset all loan stock handsets prior to lending them out, and we are very sorry that in this case it didn't happen."

They added the company will now be getting in touch with all of its stores to re-stress the importance of ensuring and checking that this is done for all loan handsets.

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Record breakers? Darts players Gary Osborne, *left*, and Pete Hares are hoping to play for 39 hours straight

Darts players' world record bid for Paolo

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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TWO darts players will be attempting to smash the world record for the longest game in honour of their friend who died last year.

As reported by MK NEWS, 34-year-old Paolo Sicorello, from Great Linford, went missing on Januray 9 last year, and was found dead in the Grand Union Canal a month later.

He played darts for his local pub team and now two of the members will be taking part in the mammoth 39-hour game in his memory.

Pete Hares, 42, and Gary Osborne, 48, will be starting the feat on Saturday morning at 7am and playing through until about 10pm on Sunday at the Nag's Head in Great Linford, where Mr Sicorello had been on the night he disappeared.

The duo, who both play for the pub's A team, will be hoping to smash the current record of 24 hours set by arrow throwers in America.

Mr Hares said: "Paolo was a close friend of ours and a darts partner.

"We did a 12-hour game just before he was buried and a lot of people came up to me and asked what we would do for the year anniversary. So I said to Gary 'how about doing a Guinness Book of World Records challenge?'"

The pair, who are also raising money for Willen Hospice, will have to be monitored by two witnesses throughout the event for it to count as a world record.

Mr Hares added: "The hardest part will be through the night when there won't be a lot of support. The pub will be packed out both days and the support from all those people will be enough to keep us going, but there's a period after the pub closes when there will only be us and three others - that will be hard."

Urban art on store's walls

A HUGE visual spectacular of graffiti is now on display at the-centre:mk.

Urban artists Mef and Kem were commissioned by the shopping centre to create the piece, which wraps around the multi-million pound redevelopment of Next.

The artwork spans 50 metres of the mall, in line with the temporary art gallery, which was installed on September 15.

Johann Bester, curator of the public exhibition at the centre, said: "The urban art we have created at thecentre:mk looks fantastic and we are really very excited following our most recent projects on the mall to have created such exciting artwork."

The shopping centre will also be sponsoring the Woburn ART-BEAT exhibition later this year.

Rail fare hike for commuters

COMMUTERS started the year with a bit of bad news, as the price of a rail season ticket between Milton Keynes and London rose by 6.5 per cent on Monday.

That means season ticket holders will now be paying £4,408 to travel to the capital, excluding tube fares - £268 more than in 2011.

According to London Midland, average fare increases across its routes will be 4.2 per cent this month.

Andrew Pakes, Labour and Co-operative Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes, said: "An extra £268 will be another knock for many commuters facing rising living costs, frozen wages and cuts to tax credits. We have the highest fares in Europe, and the cost of a season ticket could be £1,000 higher by the next election."

Prisoner found dead in cell

A PRISONER at HMP Woodhill has been found hanged in his cell.

The prison service has confirmed 33-year-old Martin Walker was found hanging at about 7pm last Tuesday.

A spokesman said: "Staff attempted resuscitation and an ambulance was called but he was pronounced dead at approximately 7.33pm. The police, coroner and next of kin have been informed. As with all deaths in custody the independent Prisons and Probation Ombudsman will conduct an investigation."

The inquest was opened on Friday and adjourned until July.

Hidden talents put on display

RESIDENTS from Lovat Fields Retirement Village held an art exhibition to celebrate their former achievements.

'My Hidden Talent' was put together by the Enriched Opportunities Group and displayed works of art created by residents before they were diagnosed with dementia.

Organiser, Colin White-McCarthy, said: "We wanted to show who the residents were before they started to experience dementia."

Between 40 and 50 people went to see the exhibition and said they were impressed with the quality of work on display.

Artist: Phyllis Ebbs with her painting and support worker Jean Butler

Fire chief rejects call centre claim

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THE city's fire authority has refuted claims moving a 999 call centre will affect the safety of residents.

David Rowlands, chairman of the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, has told MK NEWS response times to emergencies will not be affected if the control centre is moved from Aylesbury to Cambridgshire.

As reported in last week's paper, the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has claimed local knowledge of call centre operatives could be lost if the merger with the Huntingdon centre goes ahead and has threatened industrial action if the plans don't change.

But Mr Rowlands says local knowledge is more relevant to fire crews than those in the control centre.

He said: "A geographically remote control room will be able to alert staff and mobilise our vehicles and officers in line with the agreed response standards and community risk management arrangements.

"While local knowledge is useful, it is not essential for a mobilising centre to be successful.

"The size and geography of the area served by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service means that any individual control room operator may have little knowledge of some of the areas to which calls are directed.

"Local knowledge is far more relevant to fire crews and local topography and risk information continues to be an important aspect of a firefighter's role.

"The use of telephone number recognition technology will greatly assist in caller identification and location."

A bid for the set-up costs for the control room move, which could save about £600,000 a year, has been submitted to the Government.

Mr Rowlands said the fire authority is confident the proposal 'can be delivered by April 1, 2013'.

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Firework let off in flats

FIREFIGHTERS had to be called out after a firework was thrown into the entrance of some flats on Monday.

The firework was thrown into Serpentine Court, Bletchley, at about 6pm.

One appliance and crew from Bletchley attended.

The area was ventilated and fire safety advice was given.

Help for local charity

MIDSUMMER Place Shopping Centre will offer fundraising support to Climb Your Mountain (CYM).

The charity helps people suffering from stress, depression and low confidence and self-esteem.

Visitors to Midsummer Place can support CYM at the fundraising activities taking place throughout the year.

Peace and Justice talk

AN MK Peace and Justice Network talk will be given by a human rights group on Friday.

The talk by Sabina Frediani from Liberty will focus on the group's work for civil liberties.

It will take place at The Well at Willen at 8.15pm.

Call 01908 561365 for more details.

Advice sessions go weekly

HIGH demand for a West Bletchley advice surgery has resulted in the scheme going weekly.

Advice surgeries have been run by local councillors at the Whaddon Way shops for a long time and councillors Nigel Long and Mick Legg wanted to do a second one at the Melrose shops.

Initially this was piloted on a month by month basis and then went to alternate Saturday mornings. It was originally anticipated that the surgeries would take a while to get busy.

Cllr Nigel Long said: "We wanted to move to weekly advice surgeries because we were getting a lot of people and there was some confusion over which Saturday was the right one.

"So we have gone weekly and will advertise in the city council and parish council magazines and websites as well as through our regular newsletters."

From Saturday, residents will be able to drop in to advice surgeries every week.

Residents who wish to raise concerns can do so without making an appointment.

Chance to join college courses

WITH unemployment hitting 16 to 24-year-olds the hardest, Milton Keynes College is taking action with the announcement that students can enroll for courses this month.

Last year there was an influx of enquiries for courses long after the beginning of the academic year in September.

Marketing manager Emma Thompson said: "We realised that there's now a bigger demand for young people wanting to start at the beginning of the year."

She explained that many people missed the September intake because they weren't sure what to do or had started jobs that they later realised they were not well suited to.

Currently 23.1 per cent of people who are claiming Jobseekers Allowance in the area are aged 16-24, but the college hopes that this intake will provide them with an opportunity to lay the foundations for a career.

Anyone who would like more information on the full range of courses can call the college on 01908 684452.

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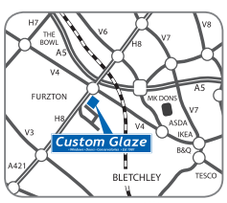

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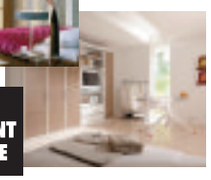

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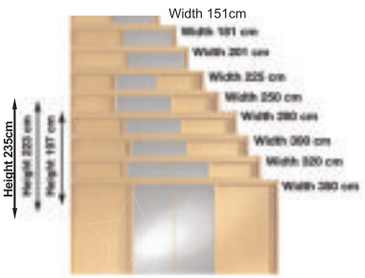

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Surprise and delight at New Year honours

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THREE people from the city have been recognised on the Queen's New Year Honours list.

Alderman Kevin Wilson, Woughton Parish Council chairman and former deputy Labour leader for Milton Keynes Council, has received an MBE for his services to local government.

Mr Wilson was a city councillor for 33 years and has been on Woughton Parish Council for 30 years.

He said: "It was a very nice surprise. I have enjoyed my time on the council and I hope I have made a valuable contribution but that is for others to decide."

Dr Basiro Davey from the Open University has also received an MBE for her services to higher and health education.

She is a senior lecturer in health sciences and a member of the Health Education and Training Programme, Africa.

She said: "I am truly delighted, it gives me the chance to say thank you publically to the Open University, my wonderful colleagues and amazingly supportive family and friends for giving me countless opportunities to grow as an educator.

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A Queen's Police Medal (QPM) has been awarded to Thames Valley Police's Deputy Chief Constable Francis Habgood.

The medal, awarded for distinguished service, recognises his 25 years as a police officer and the considerable contribution he has made to the communities in Thames Valley during this time.

He said: "I am very fortunate to have a job that I love and that gives me great satisfaction. I was therefore surprised and honoured to have been recognised for my contribution."

All three will visit Buckingham Palace later this year to receive their honours.

Honoured: Alderman Kevin Wilson, *left*, Basiro Davey, *top*, and Francis Habgood have all been recognised by the Queen

Airport says closure was forewarned

THE director of Cranfield Airport has rebuked complaints about its Christmas opening hours.

The airport has been closed since December 23 and only reopened yesterday.

This has prompted criticism from Nigel Hendley, managing director of Aviation Surrey, who had an aircraft stranded at the airport.

He claims the closure was unexpected and cost him tens of thousands of pounds.

He said: "We were unable to demonstrate a newly refurbished aircraft to potential buyers of shares as had been scheduled through this period."

However, airport director Jason Ivey explained that for the past 35 years the airport has arranged its Christmas holidays around the university.

He said: "It seems to be a case of misunderstanding as all engineers were told that the Christmas hours would be the same as they usually are."

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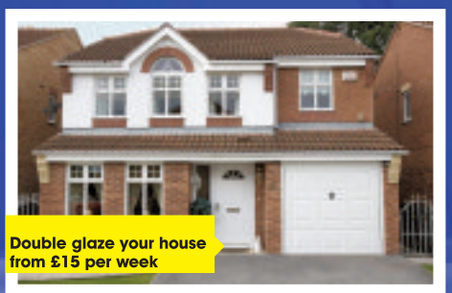

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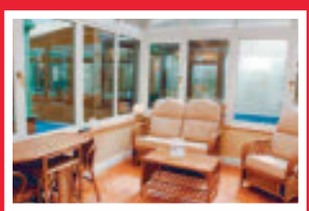

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Plan to pay benefits directly to landlords

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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TENANTS could see the way they receive their housing benefits changed, if new proposals are given the thumbs up.

The Safer Community Committee at Milton Keynes Council has said it wants housing benefits paid directly to landlords to prevent rent arrears.

Councillor Peter Geary, cabinet member for housing, said the proposals will be considered but it cannot be forced upon people.

He said: "We can ask people if they want us to do this for them but we can't operate like a nanny state."

Currently the Government wants to give people more responsibility in managing their own lives.

One way of ensuring this is to continue to give benefits directly to the benefactor.

However, the council has said that in some cases vulnerable people can find the responsibility of paying their own rent problematic and in such cases discretion could be used to pay the landlord directly.

Changes have already been made to allow the council to pay benefits directly to the landlord if it would assist in securing tenancy.

Any further changes are expected to be formalised in February.

Concerns raised over plans for casino

OBJECTIONS to a proposal for a 24-hour casino in the city centre will be presented to councillors next week.

A deputation signed by 20 people, which expresses concerns about the negative impact a casino next to Xscape will have on the local community, has been submitted to a full meeting of Milton Keynes Council.

If approved, the site may house more than 100 slot machines and offer cash prizes of up to £4,000.

Pressure group Xplain fears awarding the licence would create higher crime levels.

Abshir Hirze, chairman of MK Somalian Platform, would like to see the casino in another location rather than near Xscape, which is situated between Fishermead and Conniburrow where there is a large Somali population.

He said: "There are already problems in the area and there is a lot of poverty and this addition will encourage people to gamble."

The meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

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Family takes action after oven explodes

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A FAMILY was forced to take drastic action to save their Christmas after their oven exploded.

Sarah Tite, 45, of Halswell Place in Middleton, bought the oven from Comet just six months ago but only a few days before she was due to cook Christmas dinner for her family the door blew up.

"I heard a banging like a gunshot and I went into the kitchen and the oven door had exploded," she said.

Comet told Mrs Tite that, even though the oven was still under guarantee, it would not be repaired until New Year's Eve.

The angry cook contacted MK NEWS and after seeking advice from trading standards decided to visit the store at the Central Retail Park in Rooksley to ask for the door off its display model.

Mrs Tite added: "We didn't think about doing this before the photographer at MK NEWS suggested it and we didn't know what we were going to do about Christmas dinner.

"If we hadn't taken his advice we would have been without a cooker at Christmas."

Mrs Tite and her husband Martin presented the store manager with a letter stating the company was in breech of its contract.

Shattered: Sarah Tite next to the cooker that nearly ruined Christmas

She was told she could have an oven delivered to her before Christmas Day if she bought a new one.

She said: "I could't believe it. We buy a lot of stuff from there and you'd have thought they could have offered us some alternative."

When the couple asked if they could take the door from the display model the manager said he did not have a screwdriver to be able to take it off.

Mr Tite then went and bought a screwdriver and when the manager said he had to go to a meeting he took the door off himself.

He said: "I was surprised they were not more helpful considering the circumstances."

A spokesman for Comet said: "We were very sorry to hear of the incident and apologise for the inconvenience and stress this must have undoubtedly caused."

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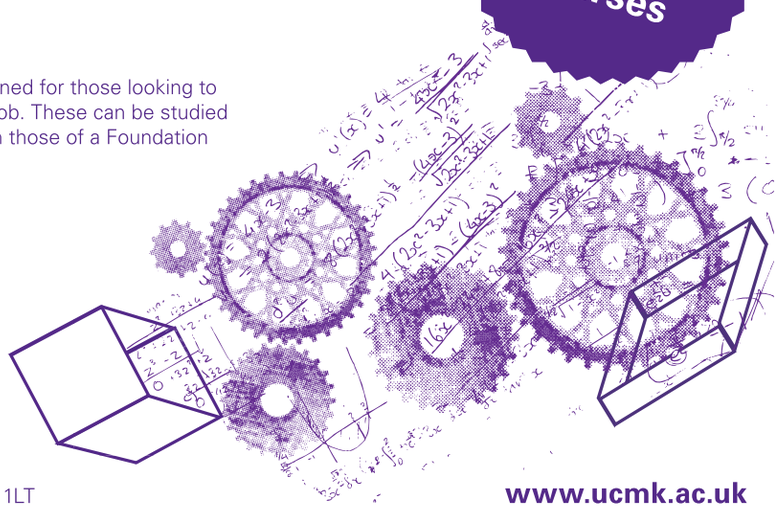

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Help homeless youths

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On track for rise in house prices

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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PROPERTY prices in Milton Keynes could rise by five per cent thanks to the reopening of a rail line, according to a city estate agent.

It is expected a surge of people will look to move to the city due to the significant reduction in commuting times the East-West Rail line will bring.

Travel between Oxford, Cambridge and Milton Keynes will become much easier following the news the line will reopen after a 25-year campaign by various pressure groups.

According to new reports from the East-West Rail Consortium the commute from Milton Keynes to Oxford would now take just 22 minutes.

Estate agent Christopher Rose said: "House prices in Oxford are double the price they are here so it will make a very significant difference and a price rise of five per cent would probably be right."

Peter Beasley, from estate agents Beasley and Partners, believes that the area will now be even more sellable.

He said: "People who perhaps wouldn't have considered moving here might do so now because commuting is a major consideration."

The most recent statistics published by Halifax, which has a branch in Queensway, show that Milton Keynes is currently 13th in a table of towns with the biggest increase in average house prices in 2011.

Of these areas the two recording the biggest rises are both within easy commuting distance of major commercial centres.

Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax, explained economic uncertainty makes it difficult to predict the housing market over the next year.

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2869E-1/1	Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	Thu	11 weeks	12/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	3	£300	£50
2870B-1/2	DTLLS (Year 1 from Unit 2)	Wed	2 years	04/01/12	17:15-21:30	U	5	£2000	NA
2869D-1/1	Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	Mon	11 weeks	09/01/12	14:00-17:15	U	3	£300	£50
1041-1/2	Access to HE Fast Track	Tue & Thu	1 year	17/01/12	17:30-21:30	B	3	£2000	£400

Are you a **caring** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£
0907A-1/1	Introduction to Counselling	Wed	16 weeks	11/01/12	18:00-21:00	CW	2	£500	NA
TBC	Dental Nursing Level 3 Diploma	Thu	6 months	TBC	18:30-21.45	CW	3	£900	£100
TBC	Healthcare Support Services	Flex	6 months	Flex	Flex	CW	2	£800	£75
TBC	Healthcare Support Services	Flex	9 months	Flex	Flex	CW	3	£900	£100
4034-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in Support Teaching & Learning in Schools	Mon	6 months	Flex	18:30-21:45	CW	2	£800	£75
2316A-1/1	Moving & Handling Update	Flex	1 day	Flex	09:00-12:30	CW	NA	POA	NA
2438A-1/1	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	Flex	1 day	Flex	13:30-16:30	CW	NA	POA	NA
2994-1/2	Certificate in Palliative Care	Flex	Flex	Flex	Flex	D	3	POA	NA
2158-1/2	Certificate in Dementia Awareness	Flex	Flex	Flex	Flex	D	2	POA	NA
1513-1/2	Intermediate Cert in Safe Handling Medicines	Flex	Flex	Flex	Flex	D	2	POA	NA
2315A-1/1	Moving & Handling: Inc use of hoister	Flex	Flex	Flex	09:00-16:30	CW	NA	POA	NA
2797C-1/1	Setting Up a Home Based Child Care Service	Wed	Flex	18/01/12	18:30-20:30	CW	3	POA	NA
2801A-1/1	OFSTED Childminding Brief	Flex	Flex	TBC	TBC	CW	NA	£10	NA
3967D-1/2	Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Dementia)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	2	£800	£75
3967G-1/2	Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care (General)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	2	£800	£75
3967L1/2	Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Learning Difficulties)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	2	£800	£75
3968D-1/2	Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Dementia)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	3	£900	£100
3968G-1/2	Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (General)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	3	£900	£100
3968L1/2	Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Learning Disabilities)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	3	£900	£100
3969-1/2	Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	2	£800	£75
3970E-1/2	Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce (EYMP)	Flex	Flex	Flex	TBC	CW	3	£900	£100

Are you a **Sporty** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£
4238B-1/1	Bridging the Gap - Award in Door Supervisor	Mon-Thu	4 days	13/02/12	09:00-17:00	CW	2	£10	NA

Are you a **foodie** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)l	Reduced Cost (£)
4156-1/1	CIEH Level 1 Award in Food Safety in Catering	Flex	half day	Flex	Flex	O	1	£45	NA
3719-1/1	CIEH Level 2 Award	Flex	1 day	Flex	Flex	O	2	£75	NA
TBC	CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety - Refresher	Flex	half day	Flex	Flex	O	2	£45	NA
TBC	CIEH Level 3 Award in Food Safety	Flex	3 days	Flex	Flex	O	3	£365	NA
TBC	CIEH Level 3 Award in Food Safety	Flex	8 hours	Flex	Flex	O	3	£85	NA
3534A-1/1	Art of Chocolate	Wed		TBC	09:30-17:30	B	NA	£150	NA
TBC	CIEH Level 1 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace	Flex	half day	Flex		B	1	£45	NA
TBC	CIEH Level 2 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace	Flex	1 day	Flex		B	2	£85	NA
4122D-1/1	Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders	Mon	1 day	16/01/11	09:00-17:00	B	2	£150	NA

Are you a **business** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
0050B-1/1	CIM Professional Certificate - Assessing the Marketing Environment	Mon	12 weeks	23/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	H	£300	NA
0050D-1/1	CIM Professional Certificate - Stakeholder Marketing	Wed	15 weeks	25/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	H	£300	NA
0051D-1/1	CIM Professional Diploma - Project Management in Marketing	Mon	13 weeks	23/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	H	£400	NA
2969A-1/1	ILM Level 4 Award in Management	Tue	up to 1 year	10/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	4	£400	NA
4167B-1/1	BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Business - Marketing Principles	Wed	12 weeks	04/01/11	18:00-21:15	U	4	£350	NA
2125E-1/1	City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Bookkeeping	Mon	13 weeks	25/02/12	18:00-20:45	CW	1	£200	£25
0360E-1/2	AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting (Evening Intensive)	Tue & Thu	25 weeks	10/01/12	18:00-21:15	CW	2	£850	£250
0361J-1/1	AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	Mon & Wed	1 year	27/02/12	18:00-21:15	CW	3	£1000	£300
0431J-1/2	AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting	Mon & Wed	2 years	20/02/12	18:00-20:45	CW	4	£1250	£300
3835-1/1	CIMA Professional - E1 Enterprise Operations	Thu	15 weeks	19/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	NA	£400	NA
3836-1/1	CIMA Professional - F1 Financial Operations	Tue	15 weeks	17/01/12	18:00-21:15	U	NA	£400	NA
4169-1/1	CIMA Diploma in Management Accounting - E2 Enterprise Management	Tue	15 weeks	17/01/12	18:00-21:15	CW	NA	£400	NA
4170-1/1	CIMA Diploma in Management Accounting - E2 Financial Management	Thur	15 weeks	19/01/12	18:00-21:15	CW	NA	£400	NA

Are you an **IT** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£)
3951B-1/1	ITQ Level 1 Certificate	Mon	15 weeks	20/02/12	18:00-21:00	CW	1	£250	£50
3847B-1/1	Microsoft Digital Literacy	Tue	6 weeks	03/01/12	18:00-21:00	CW	Entry	£100	NA
3848B-1/1	CompTIA Strata	Wed	15 weeks	01/02/12	18:00-21:00	CW	Entry	£250	NA

Are you a **creative** type?

Course Code	Course Title	Day	Duration	Start Date	Time	Place	Level	Cost (£)	Reduced Cost (£
0906-1/1	Photography - Darkroom Techniques	Mon	10 weeks	09/01/12	18:00-21:00	B	3	£250	NA
0320-1/1	Fashion Cutting & Re-Styling Tech	Mon	5 weeks	27/02/12	18:00-21:00	B	2	£100	NA
3865-1/1	Introduction to Creative Long Hair Styling	Mon	1 day	06/02/12	18:00-21:00	B	2	£25	NA
2948-1/1	Certificate in Fashion and Photographic Make-up	Thu	12 weeks	12/01/12	18:00-21:00	B	2	£500	£50
0043B-1/1	Level 2 Certificate in Cosmetic Makeup & Beauty	Wed	12 weeks	04/01/12	17:30-21:30	B	2	£600	£50
0682A-1/1	Certificate in Nail Technology	Tue	14 weeks	31/01/12	17:30-21:00	B	2	£600	£50
1829-1/1	Certificate in Thermal Auricular Therapy	Wed	6 weeks	18/01/12	17:00-21:00	B	2	£250	NA

ESOL courses

Course Code	Course Title	Dates	Place	Overseas Cost (£)	Home Cost (£)
TBC	(ESOL) English Speakers of Other Languages	week commencing 09.01.12	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Lions get a Mini drive

SOME of the players stand in at nearly seven foot tall, so perhaps Minis were not the best choice of car for MK Lions.

But the city's giant basketball stars can't wait to get to work in the motors as they will be using them to spread cheer in the local community.

As part of the Hoops 4 Health initiative, Lions players will be visiting city schools to promote healthy eating and fitness.

The club also intends to see how many players can fit in one car.

But as the Minis, donated by Scotthall BMW/MINI in Northfield, are the larger versions it won't be such a squeeze.

The Lions recieve the keys to their new motors

£45m could land council HCA deal

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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LAND left over following the demise of a local government development quango could be bought by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) for about £45.6million.

The authority is in discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) after its Milton Keynes arm, MK Partnership, was disbanded.

It is hoping to strike a deal for the remaining undeveloped HCA land, which includes 134 sites, or about 460 acres, suitable for housing or commercial use.

The figure placed on this by the HCA is about £92.9million, so MKC would pay a highly discounted rate if it bought the land.

Despite the difficult financial situation at the council, the move is supported by all political parties.

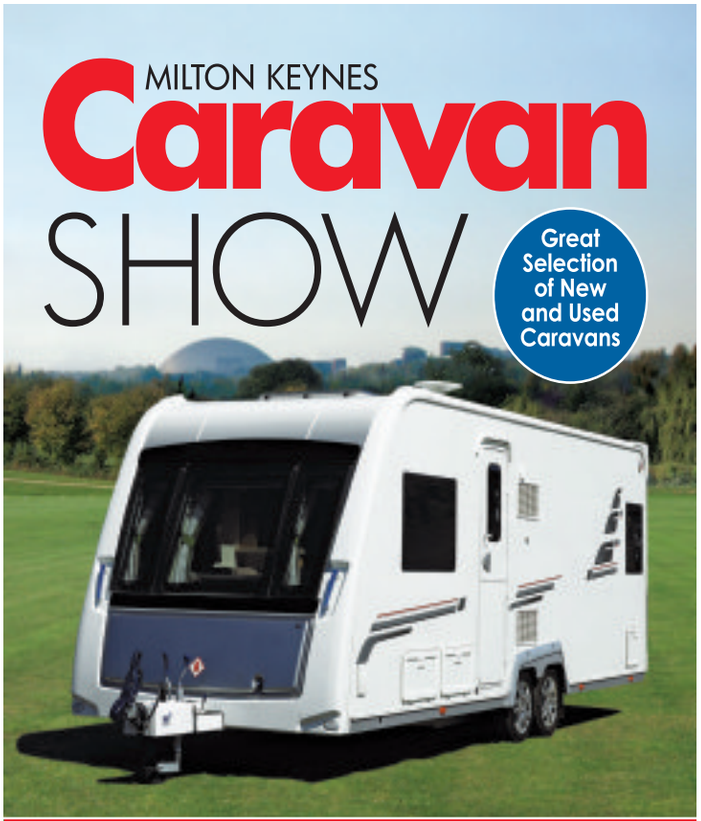
As previously reported by MK NEWS, councillors have backed MKC having complete control over the future development of the city for the first time.

Andrew Geary, leader of MKC, also says the deal would 'pay for itself' with future developments.

"The figures are indicative at this stage, we are still in negotiation but that's what we are estimating," he said.

"You have to look at this in the long-term view, it will have to be self-financing.

"For example, you have to find the payment on your mortgage and it's the same with this, but it will pay for itself and deliver the city's aspirations on housing and development."



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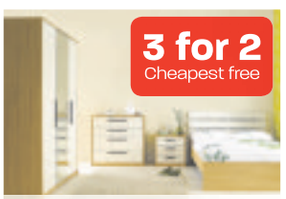

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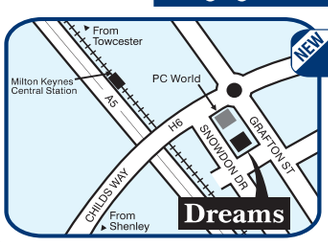

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Stone the crow, it stole my burger!

Attacked: Shelley Martin

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PEST control has been called in at one of the city's most popular attractions to deal with a winged menace.

Bosses at Xscape have said they will call in the professionals after a complaint from a shopper who was attacked - by a crow.

Twenty-five-year-old Shelley Martin, from Wolverton, had grabbed some lunch while she was out shopping when the thief struck.

She said: "I was leaving McDonald's with my cheeseburger when something hit me in the head and there was a big crow behind me.

"I started walking fast and it came after me and this time almost landed on my head.

"I dropped my burger, and then it and its friends pounced on it."

Shelley then wrote about her ordeal on her Facebook page and one of her friends got in touch to say the same thing had happened to her boyfriend.

Shelley added: "I think now the crows know that's how to get food from innocent people like me."

A spokesman from Xscape said they had looked into the incident and it doesn't appear to be a widespread problem.

He added pest control contractors had been brought on site to assess any potential risk and would be taking appropriate preventative steps to ensure it is dealt with.

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Driven to sort out 'danger' junction

Revved up: Councillors Mick Legg and Nigel Long at the 'blind' corner they are hoping to improve

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RESIDENTS will be given the chance to have their say on how a 'dangerous blind corner' can be made safer.

West Bletchley councillors Mick Legg and Nigel Long are fighting to put the brakes on vehicles parking close to the junction of Whalley Drive and Whaddon Way following complaints from residents.

They say it creates a 'blind corner' on a busy road, that is a cut through from Standing Way to Buckingham Road through a dense residential area.

Cllr Legg said: "The council must address this dangerous blind corner."

Although a proposed speed limit cut to 20mph in that area might help solve the problem, Cllr Long doesn't think it will be popular among residents. He also stressed they need to be asked for their views about the junction before any action is taken.

"It needs a discussion with residents as this is a problem raised by them," he added.

The councillors are hoping to repeat the success they have had in improving a dangerous junction at Trafalgar Avenue and the H8 Standing Way.

Cllr Legg said: "I want to build on the progress made on other traffic problems locally."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said the issue will now be looked into.

He said: "We are pleased that this has been brought to our attention. Officers will now investigate this issue and visit the site early in the new year. If a problem is evident, especially if it is a safety hazard, then action can be programmed to deal with it and of course any potential solution will be discussed with the local community."

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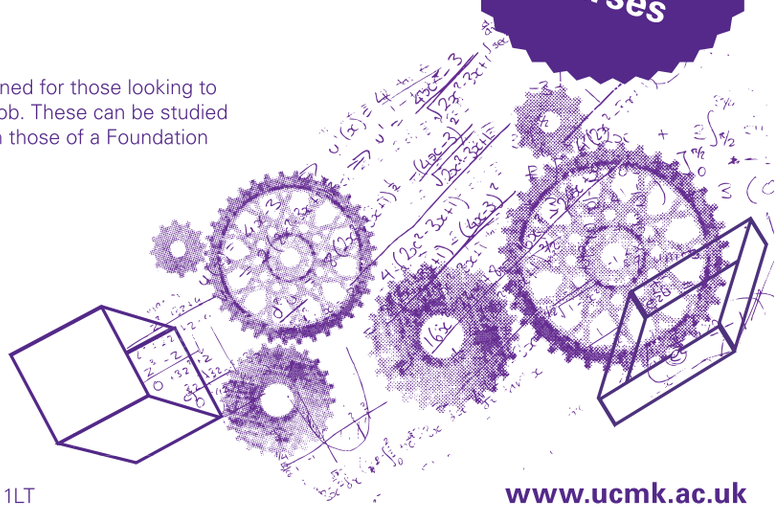

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CAST OF ALADDIN

THE stars of Aladdin have spoken exclusively to MK NEWS to wish our readers a very happy 2012.

Impressionist Paul Burling said: "Hello everyone! Wishee Washee'ing you a brilliant New Year."

Pop and musical sensation Gareth Gates, who plays Aladdin, added: "Have a magical new year - here's to hoping you all find your own cave of treasures in 2012."

ALAN RICHARDS

Mayor of Milton Keynes

FIRST and foremost I would like to congratulate Milton Keynes on its sporting achievements during 2011.

Of course we have the ongoing success story that is Red Bull Racing, the subject of a recent well-deserved celebration in the city centre. And then there are our aspirational and inspirational sporting teams that continue to put us on the map.

There are also our Olympic qualifiers, working and training hard to underpin our hopes to become a major player in national and international athletics.

My vision for 2012 onwards is for Milton Keynes to be finally recognised as the city that those who live and work here already know it is. MK is already a regional centre for entrepreneurial, commercial, cultural and sporting success at the highest levels.

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COUNCILLOR ANDREW GEARY

Leader of Milton Keynes Council

AS WELL as bringing forth its fair share of challenges, 2011 has had some very positive landmarks, perhaps culminating with a tremendous Red Bull Home Run on December 10.

One of our hopes and aspirations is to move on apace with the ambition for Milton Keynes to be a truly international sporting city.

Sport has a magnificent way of galvanising communities and the development and furtherance of grass roots sport will contribute massively to this.

As a council we also have real hopes for acquiring the assets from the Homes and Communities Agency to ensure that, for the first time in its history, Milton Keynes is truly master of its own destiny.

We welcome the very positive negotiations and trust that they will continue in 2012.

And we look forward to playing our part in leading Milton Keynes out of recession and into times of more prosperity. By doing this we believe that Milton Keynes will help lead the rest of the country in the same direction.

And I couldn't finish without wishing all the very best to the truly remarkable MK Dons.

THE REVEREND ERNESTO LOZADA-UZURIAGA

Vicar of Church of Christ the Cornerstone

WE ARE living in unprecedented times.

Everybody is feeling the pinch, in particular the most vulnerable of society. The forecast for next year is certainly not encouraging, which adds to the increasing sense of despair, uncertainty and social unrest. People are angry and disillusioned by politicians' broken promises and a banking system without a moral compass.

We need a vision. As never before we need a new vision of prosperity for our society, a broad, generous, encompassing, ecumenical vision that will assist us to overcome our divides; capture people's imagination and lead us from apathy to action.

We need a vision of prosperity rooted in shared common values of human solidarity, creative enterprise, social responsibility and respect for the planet.

Let's work together in 2012 towards a new vision for our city.

THE REVEREND MARTA AND THE MONKS AND NUNS OF NIPPONZAN MYOHOJI

THE past year has seen many things happen in the world, from the Arab Spring to the terrible earthquake and tsunami in Japan, but there is always hope and the human spirit can overcome much.

When we look into the future, more often than not it's children that provide the source and aspiration for hope and peace.

Let us look inside ourselves and others and find that sense of peace, no matter who or what we are.

This we call Buddah Nature and exists in all things. We here at the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple pray for the good health and peace for all in 2012. Namu-Myoho-Renge-Kyo.

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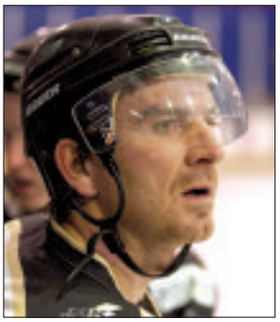

NICK POOLE
MK Lightning player-coach

IT'S not often we get an opportunity to thank our supporters directly, so from everyone at Milton Keynes Lightning, here's to a happy and healthy 2012.

Wherever we play – whether it's on home ice or away – our supporters are always there cheering us on and we really do appreciate the effort they make.

And we want to thank our sponsors, from team partners to every individual shirt sponsor, because we can only do what we do with their backing.

Right now things are going pretty well for us – we're in a good position in a very competitive league, we're into the cup semi-finals and we really want to give everyone who backs us something to celebrate in 2012.

If you've never been to a live ice hockey game, then make your new year's resolution to come and watch the Lightning – we'll make it a resolution worth keeping!

PETE WINKELMAN
Chairman of MK Dons

I'M REALLY looking forward to 2012 being a year where we continue to build at stadiummk at a time when Milton Keynes as a city continues to grow.

The exciting plans for our MK1 Shopping Park are already underway and with several household occupiers already secured we hope to add more great names to the development.

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On the pitch we want to keep building the team that has gone from strength to strength in 2011, we want to realise our Championship ambitions and with Karl Robinson and John Gorman signing new deals with the club I believe we have a great opportunity ahead of us.

Looking forward: Pete Winkelman has exciting plans for 2012

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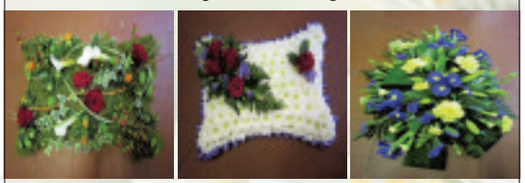

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Be a good sport and help nursery

Playtime: Dawn Delaney with kids from the nursery

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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YOUNGSTERS are drumming up support for a scheme that will provide them with free sports equipment.

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery in Browns Wood is hoping to receive a free sports pack from the Haven Fun and Fitness Pre-School Sports Equipment Giveaway.

Currently the children have a large outdoor play area but there is no equipment to get them excited.

Dawn Delaney, nursery manager, believes this is the perfect time to be encouraging the children to keep fit.

She said: "With the Olympics coming up we want to get the children interested in different sports."

Haven is offering packs containing bright, colourful and tactile items which are designed to be fun while also developing the children's co-ordination, interaction and independence.

The nursery is privately owned so it does not receive any additional funding from government grants.

Ms Delaney said: "Because we don't have any extra funding we would struggle to get equipment like this."

Staff already promote a healthy lifestyle but they are keen to encourage the children to be more active.

The scheme, set up by Haven Holidays, has run for three years and helped thousands of under fives at pre-schools, playgroups and nurseries around the country.

In order to qualify for the sports pack the nursery has to get 70 per cent of the parents to register their support for the campaign. It will also receive a bonus pack if all mums and dads get involved. To register visit www.havenfunfitness.com

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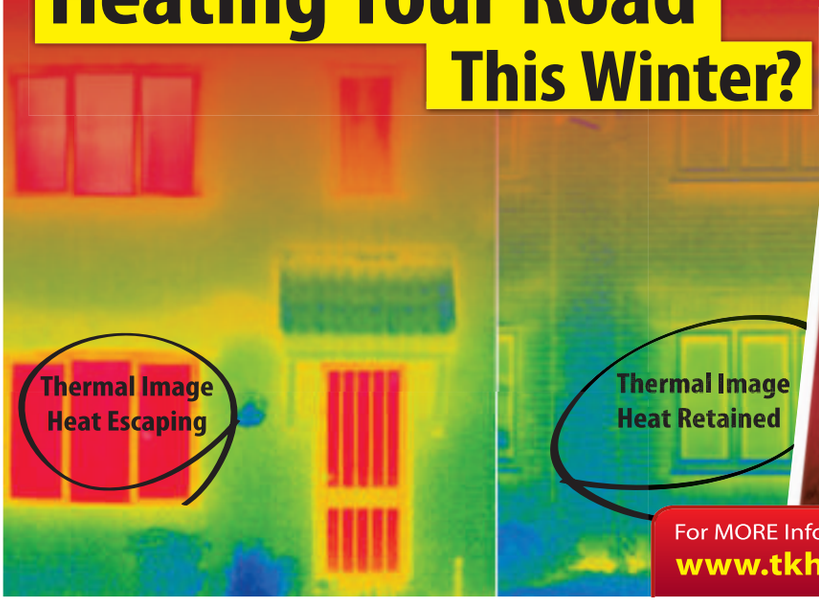

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Swinging into action: Abbey Hill golf course general manager Gordon Forster and course manager Ross Edmonds next to a wildlife area by the 18th hole

Golf course keeps things green

BY DAN PALMER
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A GOLF course looks set to become only the fifth in the country to receive special recognition for its environment credentials.

Abbey Hill in Two Mile Ash hopes to earn the Golf Environment Organisation's (GEO) certified ecolabel, given only to the handful of courses which help protect the planet while creating a first class and enjoyable golfing experience.

St Andrews, the historic home of golf, holds the honour so Abbey Hill would be in good company with the ecolabel.

Some of the changes implemented at the course, with help from the GEO's OnCourse programme, include a newt habitat and conservation around the 18th hole, bat and bird boxes around the fairways and new state-of-the-art water recycling and waste irrigation systems.

On top of that is a 'turf management strategy', which aims to minimise the effects of pests, weeds and disease in an efficient and responsible manner.

When the OnCourse programme is complete Abbey Hill can lay claim to the ecolabel.

Gordon Forster, the course's general manager, said: "In recent years we have made a conscious effort to bring environmental stewardship and corporate responsibility into the heart of our business model."

Jonathan Smith, chief executive of GEO, added: "Abbey Hill's work is a fantastic boost, to both the centre and to golf in general, but most importantly to the people and wildlife that utilise those green spaces."

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Knock-out time at boxing club's bash

Boxing clever: Mayor Alan Richards and club coach Alan Grainger

THE CITY'S mayor has entered the ring to formally unveil a boxing club which has provided a big boost to local youngsters.

Alan Richards helped the Milton Keynes Amateur Association Boxing Club, based at Cottesloe Gym next to Woughton Leisure Centre, at its official opening.

Woughton Community Council development worker James Gibney teamed up with local resident Alan Grainger to set up the club in a bid to get kids – who may have been hanging out on the streets – into something more positive.

Mr Grainger, a former boxer who wanted to give something back to the sport, is club coach.

There were only five or six boxers when the club opened in the summer of 2010 but the numbers are now around the 30 to 40 mark for each session.

Mr Gibney said: "We wanted to find something different for kids to do and it is having a great impact."

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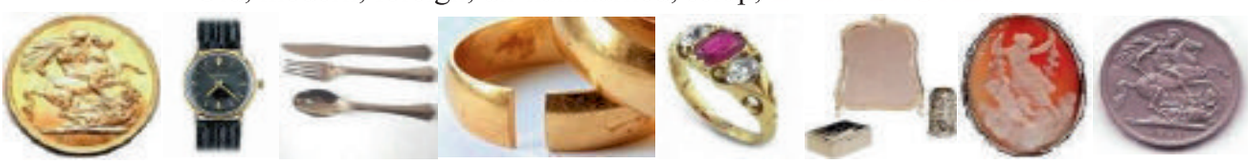

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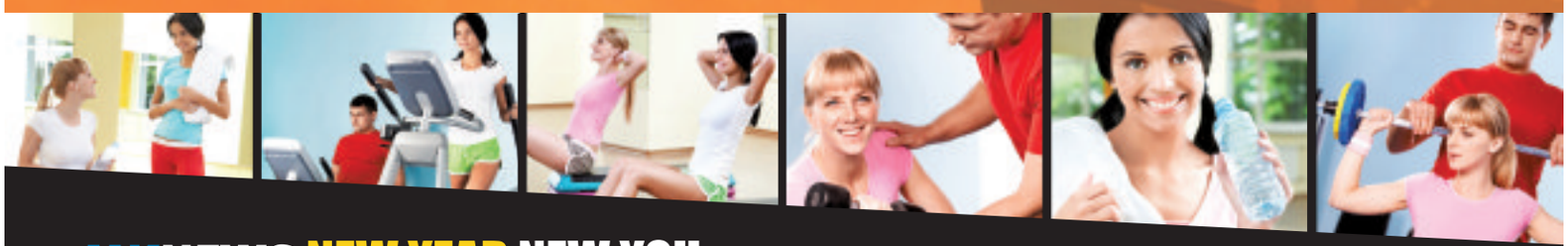

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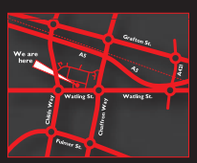

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PROJECT SPACE - GREAT ART QUEST

Tomorrow-Sunday, January 29

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In November, more than 100 pupils from Water Hall Primary School, Bletchley, Langland Community School, Netherfield, Yardley Gobion CE Primary, Towcester, and Ashton CE Primary School, Ashton, had the opportunity to get to know the gallery during a series of visits.

They were introduced to the work of British artist Anna Barriball and back in the classroom they worked with visual artist Edith Garcia and story-teller Yaw Asiyama to help them to understand and respond to Barriball's work and they explored different themes to inspire artwork of their own.

The work they produced, including myths and legends, explorers and inventors and the Olympics will be on display for two weeks.

The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday from noon to 8pm, Saturday between 11am and 8pm and Sunday from 11am-5pm. Admission is free and for more details visit www.mkgallery.org.

FILM NIGHT - GALLIVANT

Friday from 6.30pm

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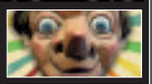

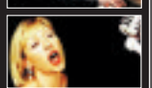

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The show is thrilling, heartwarming, moving and comical as Strangeface brings its inimitable magic to this masterpiece of surreal fantasy.

This performance is suitable for age five and over and includes the company's ever-popular 'backstage tour' - a chance to take a close-up look at the puppets, set and instruments and meet the performers after the show.

For more details, show times and ticket prices, visit www.stables.org.

MK THEATRE

ALADDIN

Until Sunday, January 15

TAKE the magic carpet ride of your life with pop and musical theatre star Gareth Gates and Britain's Got Talent finalist Paul Burling as, along with West End leading lady Nicola Brazil, they bring the treasure-filled adventure of Aladdin to life.

A trio of Strictly Come Dancing stars - Russell Grant, Anita Dobson and Camilla Dallerup - will be making special appearances as the magical genie of the lamp.

Allow your inner child to really let rip as you shout, cheer, boo and hiss your way through Aladdin's adventures down to old Peking.

Learn a whole new meaning of The 12 Days of Christmas as Twankey, Pong and Wishee take you through the hilarious scene.

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Will Aladdin get to marry Jasmine, will Major Pong keep his trousers on and will The Widow Twankey get up to hanky panky?

The answers can be found at Milton Keynes Theatre as this magical pantomime runs into its final week.

For more details, show times and ticket prices, go to www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fee), or call 0844 871 7652 (booking fee).

MK THEATRE - COMPETITION

THERE'S a big problem with this year's panto - Aladdin's lamp has gone missing.

Lampie has been spotted at landmarks all around the city and MK NEWS has exclusively been sent some snaps of the rogue magic lamp.

Can you tell us where he is this week and help save the pantomime?

As a reward we are offering one keen-eyed reader a family ticket to see the runaway lamp in Aladdin on Thursday, January 12 at 6pm.

To be in with a chance to win some magical family entertainment, simply send your answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or e-mail competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

The closing date for entries is Sunday, January 8. The winner will be notified and the editor's decision is final.

Aladdin runs at Milton Keynes Theatre until Sunday, January 15 2012. To book tickets contact 0844 871 7652 (booking fee) or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fee).

Terms and conditions: The family ticket is four tickets, maximum two adults.

Entrants must be available to attend the performance on Thursday, January 12 at 6pm.

Camilla Dallerup will be playing the genie at this performance.

■ If you want to know all the backstage gossip from behind the scenes at Aladdin make sure you check out the blog on the MK NEWS website at www.mk-news.co.uk/christmas.

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MKLIFE | MUSIC REVIEW | CRAUFURD ARMS

SIMON DARNELL

SO THAT was 2011 then.

Let's be honest, it was nowhere near as bad as the stuff you hear on the radio suggests and if you saw my round-up of the best stuff just before Christmas then you'll have seen proof that the year was by no means a dead loss.

However, in an attempt to prove that history isn't always written by the winners, I've decided to balance things out by discussing some of the less worthy singles I've forced myself to listen to.

Let's begin, shall we? First off, let's get Swagger Jagger out of the way. Now, some people might charitably suggest that if a song wasn't any good then people wouldn't buy it.

Cher Lloyd's debut offering clearly proves that such a statement would be complete and utter cobblers because, not only did people buy it, enough people bought it to send it to number one in August.

Reader, it's been four months and I still can't get my head around how such a thing could happen.

Worst song of the year? Yes. I'd even go so far as to make it an early front-runner for worst song of the century.

However, let's not forget that even established artists can mess things up royally.

For example, George Michael's True Faith bombed and rightly so, some songs are not designed to be slowed down.

On the other hand, Rebecca Black's Friday was a bad song not because of the way it was performed, the problems lay instead with the songwriting.

Anyone can make a good song sound lousy, but if the song's a pile of rubbish to begin with then nothing can save it.

Left: Matt Cardle
Below: Cher Lloyd

Then we have Matt Cardle's Run For Your Life, hands down the creepiest and most depressing song I've heard this year.

"You need somebody who likes themself, who lives for life and never calls for help," he begins. From thereon in the doom and gloom increases exponentially.

In other news though, Cascada and Owl City insisted on releasing new singles and until somebody finds a way to persuade them to stop doing that we'll just have to accept it.

Finally, the White Stripes, REM and Westlife all called it a day. Blue and Steps came back though, so these things balance out, sort of.

Anyway, that's last year done with.

THE CRAUFURD ARMS

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Their debut album, Destination: Beautiful, was released in early 2003 and was followed up by Destination: B-Sides in 2004 and MAE's second proper studio album, The Everglow, in 2005.

Singularity, their next album, was released during the summer of 2007 and cracked the top 40, selling 17,000 copies during its first week.

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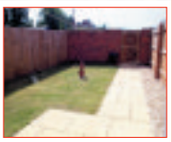

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- Built in 2006 by Tegan Homes
- Fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Double glazed sash windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Allocated parking space

FULLERS SLADE £110,000

NEW

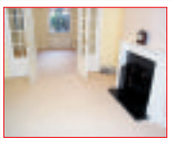
- 3 bedrooms
- Three storey Townhouse
- Lounge/dining room
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Part gas to radiator heating
- Carport

GREENLEYS £120,000

NEW

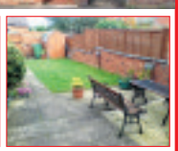
- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terraced house
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Separate lounge
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Close to local ameneties

WOLVERTON £175,000



- 3 double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Completely re-decorated
- Brand new carpets
- Upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom

WOLVERTON £155,000



- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Original fireplaces
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden
- No upper chain

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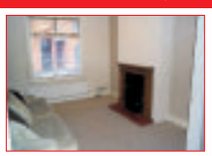
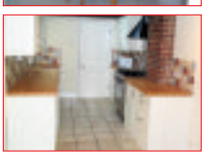
WOLVERTON £157,995

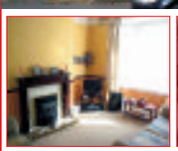
NEW





- 3 double bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast area
- Original features
- Full cellar
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Off road rear parking
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £152,000



- 3 double bedrooms
- Two separate reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Separate w.c.
- Gas to radaitor heating
- Replacement combination boiler
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage

WOLVERTON £125,000

NEW

- 2 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted house
- Upstairs bathroom
- In need of modernisation
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge through diner
- Front & rear gardens
- No upper chain

TWO MILE ASH £150,000

- Two double bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Sealed unit double glazing
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- No upper chain
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WOLVERTON £190,000

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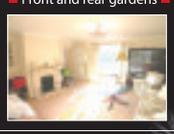

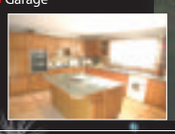

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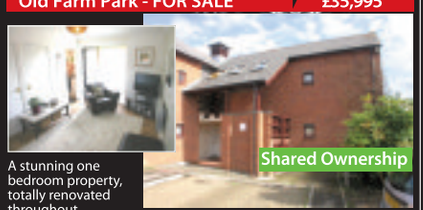

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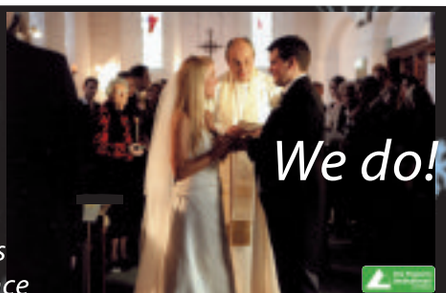

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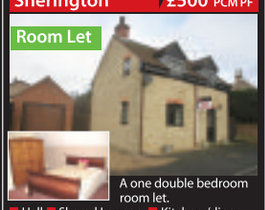

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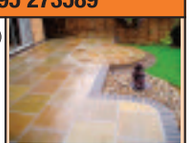

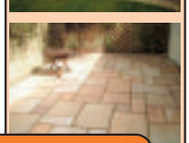

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single women

SARAH 29yr old slim brunette with many interests seeks sincere male, 28-40yrs for fun times and more. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 382161**

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LINDA slim, tall, elegant, feminine, N/S, solvent lady, young 50's, likes travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 373327**

single men

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ATTRACTIVE male, 43, passionate, sporty, likeable, caring, sociable, seeks attractive lady, 30-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 381933**

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TREV black male, British, 41, slim, sporty, seeks female for love, relationship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 380319**

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Milton Keynes Council
Statutory Proposal to Expand Priory Rise Primary School and to Increase the Published Admission Number

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Priory Rise Primary School (Community school), 160 Bronte Avenue, Tattenhoe Park, Milton Keynes, MK4 3GE from 1 September 2014.

Milton Keynes Council proposes to increase the current capacity of the school. The proposed alteration will make provision for 90 Reception places from September 2014 onwards. Every September thereafter the Reception year will be able to admit up to 90 pupils. Therefore by September 2020 the school will have a total of 630 places available over the seven year groups. An extension will be built to accommodate all additional pupils from 2014 onwards.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 234*. The admission number for September 2012 will be 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90 from September 2014.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

Marie Denny, School Organisation and Planning Manager (01908 253935)
Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS
Objections and comments may also be emailed to:
School-organisation-planning@milton-keynes.gov.uk

This Notice is an extract of the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marie Denny, at the above address.

Signed: Gail Tolley, Corporate Director, Children and Families
Date: 4 January 2012

Explanatory Note:
*The area served by the school has yet to be developed.
If new housing develops at the rate projected it is anticipated that there will be insufficient places available at the school.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTWAY AND ACCESS ROAD (PART) ADJACENT TO SILBURY BOULEVARD, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 4th January 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that part of the footway located adjacent to the southbound carriageway of Silbury Boulevard and the Central Milton Keynes shopping centre from its junction with Field Walk adjacent to the John Lewis store, for a distance of approximately 50 metres in a north-easterly direction and to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access within the access road to the John Lewis car park located on the south-east side of Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes adjacent to North Twelfth Street.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, construction works to the Next store within Central Milton Keynes shopping centre. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will come into effect from Monday 9th January 2012 until Monday 23rd July 2012, inclusive.

The alternative route whilst the footway is closed will be via the existing footway south-east of the closure and vice versa.

The alternative route for vehicular access to the John Lewis car park will be via the access road located on the south-east side of Silbury Boulevard adjacent to North Thirteenth Street.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for the emergency services.

The Order will come into operation on 9th January 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance
4th January 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, WAVENDON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will introduce the following restrictions in roads within Wavendon:-

Stockwell Lane (part) both sides:- 'No Waiting at any Time' and 'No Loading Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm', commencing from points approximately 4.5 metres north of the northern boundary line of Stockwell House and continuing southerly to its junction with Walton Road;

Walton Road (parts):- 'No Waiting at any Time' and 'No Loading Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm', that part commencing from a point approximately 10 metres west of the eastern boundary line of number 41, continuing westerly to its junction with Stockwell Lane; and that part commencing from a point adjacent to The Bungalow, continuing easterly then northerly to its junction with Stockwell Lane;

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; Woburn Sands Library, Friends Meeting House, Hardwick Road, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 25 January 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-004705-1884.

4 January 2012

Philip McCourt,
Assistant Director – Law & Governance

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Milton Keynes Council
Licensing Act 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE/ CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: UdayKumar Modhwadia has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE/ CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE At Sherington Village Shop and Post Office, Church Road, Sherington, MK16 9PB. The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times: SALE OF ALCOHOL Mon - Fri 7.00am - 19.00pm, Sat 7.30am - 18.00pm, Sun 8.00am to 12.00pm. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by **1st February 2012**: To the following address:
LICENSING TEAM, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ 01908 252800 email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety. or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a) AND (7)
THE M1 MOTORWAY (SOUTH OF JUNCTION 15 TO JUNCTION 13) SOUTHBOUND (TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes and Central Bedfordshire, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst road marking, stud replacement and routine maintenance works are carried out. The works are expected to take place in 2 phases overnight (11pm–5am).

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit, in conjunction with lane 2 and 3 closures or a full carriageway closure, allowing traffic to run on the hard shoulder on the M1 southbound.

Phase 1 - beginning on or after Monday 16 January 2012 and lasting for up to 5 nights, from a point 5500 metres south of the entry slip road at J15 to a point 2200 metres south of the entry slip road at J14, and

Phase 2 – beginning on or after Monday 20 February 2012 and lasting for up to 2 weeks, from a point 2200 metres south of the entry slip road at J14 to the exit slip road at J13.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service and special forces vehicles) and closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter service maintenance vehicles) will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 10 January 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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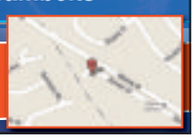

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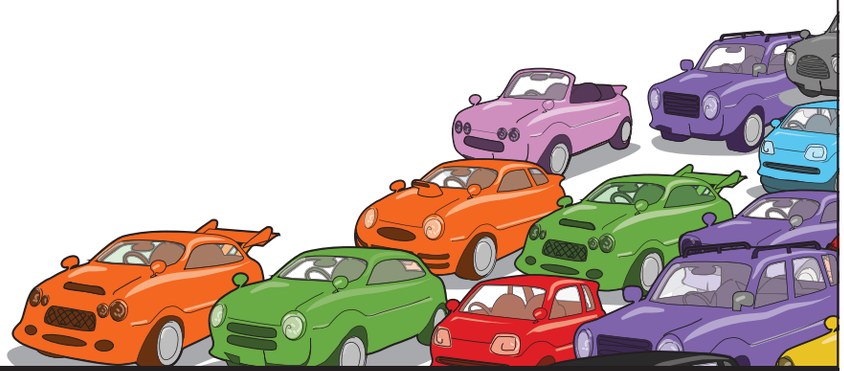

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FOOTBALL

Dons win with boss in the stands

MK Dons assistant boss JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I AM looking forward to Saturday's game against QPR, the last club I was at before I got the chance to come here.

It's a really good club with a great history and I enjoyed my time there.

They have great fans and it's interesting how many supporters they have that live in and around MK.

We're looking for a bumper crowd and a great atmosphere and I'm excited about competing against my old team.

There's quite a few players still there from my time, such as goalkeeper Radek Cerny, Matthew Connolly, Fitz Hall, Adel Taarabt and Alejandro Faurlin, who is an outstanding player who I hope plays against us.

I look forward to seeing some of them again and it will be good to see the boys playing against these top players.

It's great for a club like us to test ourselves against a club of that ability, and we look forward to competing tactically against Neil Warnock.

I've got a lot of friends coming who are QPR fans, which gives it an added edge.

I had a good time at QPR working with manager Jim Magilton.

We played a similar type of football to what Dons try to play now and the QPR fans were enjoying it, we were doing well.

It was unfortunate that Jim lost his job but I was actually asked to stay on, they didn't want me to leave.

In the end it was my choice because I wanted to stand up for Jim.

We were virtually in the play-off positions but there were a couple of bad results – I think we lost to Watford – and he lost his job just before Christmas, Flavio Briatore was in charge at the time.

It was difficult to leave, a very hard decision to make as I lost a good job.

I loved the place and it was a wrench as I really enjoyed going there every day for training, the crowd was great to us and I still go back there now. I wasn't there long enough.

There was a possibility it could have been the end of football for me because I wasn't the youngest, but Karl and the chairman here came for me and got me back in.

Colchester's Magnus Okuonghae trudges away after his own goal as Dons players celebrate

Karl Robinson passes instructions on to Damien Doyle as he has to watch the second half from the stands. Chairman Pete Winkelman stands further up

DONS 1 COLCHESTER UNITED 0

KARL Robinson was forced to watch from the stands as Dons completed a six point double over Colchester United.

The manager stormed onto the pitch at half-time and angrily confronted the officials about their performance, and was promptly ordered away from the dugout by referee Carl Berry.

He will now have to wait and see if the FA take any further action, with a touchline ban and fine both possibilities.

Robinson, however, will have enjoyed his elevated view as after a goalless first half, Dons found the goal they needed to grab another vital three League One points.

With near rivals Sheffield United and Huddersfield losing and drawing respectively it was a great start to the New Year.

And it was also the perfect tonic for the bitterness felt after the New Year's Eve clash with Brentford, when Dons squandered a 3-0 half-time lead to draw 3-3.

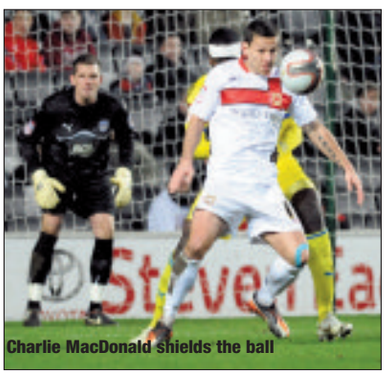
Dons remain fourth in the table, three behind second placed Sheffield Wednesday but with a far superior goal difference.

They have topped the so called 'Turkey League' with two wins and a draw from the three festive fixtures which earned the seven points which the boss targeted.

Colchester, who Dons hammered 5-1 on their own patch in November, were content to contain at stadiummk, perhaps in fear of another drubbing.

Dons dominated possession but were made to work hard for any clear cut openings.

They were restricted to a number of half chances in the first half as Colchester sat back to make life as difficult as possible.



Charlie MacDonald shields the ball

Patience was to be key and the breakthrough arrived on 53 minutes.

Dean Bowditch curled in a corner which Gary MacKenzie got on the end of at the back post, and the ball was turned into his own net by unfortunate defender Magnus Okuonghae.

Dons did not play with their usual free-flowing class but if you want to get promoted you sometimes have to grind out a victory.

Colchester never posed a threat thanks to a superb rearguard performance, spearheaded by Shaun Williams who returned to the centre of defence with an excellent display.

Robinson, however, was critical of Mr Berry despite the win, describing his performance as 'laughable' after a number of questionable decisions.

The half-time confrontation came just after Colchester had been awarded a free-kick on the edge of the area.

"I went towards the referee, stupidly, and I told him I thought the decision he made was an absolute shambles," the boss said.

"He basically said 'you're sent off son', what an arrogant person to say that. But I was wrong.

"I'm still moaning when we've won the game as I want the right decisions.

"I want a fair game, I want the right outcome. "People say that some go for you and some go against you but we've had no decisions that have won us a game this season."

Robinson agreed that a point would have been a good result for Colchester against his men.

He said: "They made it difficult for us for large parts of the game.

"I just thought that it was a very, very professional performance, you are not always going to get the glitz and the glamour that comes with us, but it's good to keep our momentum going."

LEAGUE ONE PROMOTION PICTURE

		Home						Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	24	7	4	0	26	8	9	2	2	23	11	30	54
2	Sheffield Wed	24	9	2	0	25	10	6	2	5	20	21	14	49
3	Sheffield Utd	24	9	2	2	29	16	5	3	3	16	11	18	47
4	MK Dons	24	6	5	1	24	13	7	2	3	24	12	23	46
5	Huddersfield	24	7	4	1	21	11	4	7	1	24	14	20	44
6	Stevenage	24	5	4	3	17	12	5	4	3	16	9	12	38
7	Carlisle	24	5	3	3	19	20	5	5	3	17	17	-1	38

BASKETBALL

Ton-up Worcester take fast revenge

WORCESTER Wolves took revenge on MK Lions at the first time of asking with a 103-92 victory on Friday night.

Lions beat the same opposition in November with arguably their strongest performance of the season but the British Basketball League high flyers turned the tables on Mike New's men in front of a packed out home arena.

The city side will again be disappointed to have conceded so many points as 92 will be more than enough to win plenty of basketball games.

But they were made to pay for a slow start against the Wolves who were keen to make up for the loss earlier in the season.

They raced into a 17-4 lead against a struggling Lions defence who failed to come out of the blocks.

Demarius Bolds was again the top man in the black and gold with 33 points and he started the attempts at a rescue mission, and Lions did improve as the game progressed, cutting the lead to 63-61 at one stage and just 76-72 going into the final ten minutes.

But every time Lions came back, poor shot selection ensured that the Wolves once again pulled away.

The loss was tough on Bolds and Daniel Northern who claimed a stunning 20 rebounds.

Lions return to action on Friday with an away trip to Mersey Tigers, and will host Newcastle Eagles at home on Sunday with a 5pm start in front of the Sky cameras.

Newcastle currently sit second in the standing but the Tigers, last season's BBL champions, have struggled and are two places behind Lions in ninth.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning hit league leaders for six

MK LIGHTNING sent out a huge statement of intent by thrashing English Premier League table toppers Guildford Flames 6-2.

The emphatic away victory on New Year's Day was the perfect way to start 2012 for Lightning who hope that there will be trophies in the coming weeks and months.

It came two days after MK ended the year in disappointing fashion with a 4-1 home reverse to Manchester Phoenix so it was also the perfect way to put that defeat to bed.

A second victory on their travels was then recorded on Monday with a 2-1 win against Swindon Wildcats to give Lightning double reason to celebrate the New Year, but it is the manner of the victory over top dogs Guildford that was the most impressive feat.

In front of a large contingent of travelling fans, it looked as if it was going to be a long evening for the Lightning when Guildford started brightly thanks to Nathan Rempel's early opener.

Lightning's top scorer Leigh Jamieson contested the validity of the goal with referee Dan Boardman, earning a ten minute misconduct penalty, but the Flames failed to take advantage of the big forward's absence.

In the second period Juraj Gracik passed to Ross Bowers, who levelled with a sublime finish, and Blaz Emersic put Lightning ahead.

The visitors now had the momentum and Emersic added two more in the final period to make it 4-1 before Flames pulled one back.

There was no stopping Lightning though who increased their lead again thanks to a strike from Michael Farn and another from Gracik.

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Red mist: Dons boss Karl Robinson is sent to the stands by referee Carl Berry during Monday's match against Colchester. It didn't have an impact as his side went on to win 1-0, but he could face a touchline ban for Saturday's big FA Cup clash with QPR. More inside. Picture: Andy Handley.

Transfer 'shocks' in store

BY DAN PALMER
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DONS fans have been told to expect some surprises at stadiummk now that the transfer window is back open.

Manager Karl Robinson is keen to add to his squad to boost the club's promotion challenge and was due to meet with chairman Pete Winkelman on Tuesday to discuss potential targets.

Two wingers and a striker are on the shopping list and the club have not ruled out splashing the cash on a player they feel is the right fit.

The boss hopes to lure a 'marquee signing' to help give his team an extra edge for the huge months of football ahead.

Current players could yet move away from MK1 and the loan market is an option for players who may come in.

Robinson said: "I've got my fingers in a few pies which we can call on.

"I will be doing something and there will be one or two shocks along the way, people won't see things coming.

"We're working hard behind the scenes to try and strengthen the squad and we're not too far away.

"We need to bring in the right people who can affect the group."

One target who may now be off the radar is familiar face Angelo Balanta, who returned to Saturday's FA Cup opponents Queens Park Rangers on New Year's Eve following the expiry of his loan.

Dons have made efforts to retain the Columbian winger but these look to have come to nothing as the Premier League side are now demanding payment.

"It's going to be difficult to get him back," Robinson said.

"They've requested a fee for him and they have got to do what they have got to do by their football club, but I've not got the resources to do that at the price they value him at."

Robinson is hoping to add more pace to his side with the recruitment of extra wingers and Balanta's departure will only intensify his search.

However, he does have Anthony McNamee, currently on loan at Wycombe, and Jay O'Shea waiting in the wings and eager for first team opportunities.

He is also looking for a striker who can pose a threat not currently offered by Dons at the top of the pitch, but he believes that the rest of the midfield and defence is set.

Central midfield duo Darren Potter and Stephen Gleeson are regarded by their manager as the best players in their position in League One and he is also happy with the defensive options in his squad.

Irishman Shaun Williams, who can play in both midfield and defence, is seen as the perfect cover for either position should injuries or suspensions kick in.

"We're looking for something a bit different up front, maybe someone who can head the ball and get on the end of crosses," Robinson said.

"And I need a little bit of out and out pace down the left."

Full back Adam Chicksen has already left stadiummk, on a month long loan deal to Leyton Orient.

Boss up for the cup as QPR date looms

KARL Robinson is relishing Saturday's massive third round FA Cup clash with Premier League Queens Park Rangers.

Dons will host Neil Warnock's side in front of a bumper stadiummk crowd and despite the two division gap there is only one thought on Robinson's mind – sending the Hoops packing and making the next round.

"It's just a great occasion," he said. "It's the best cup in the world as it still has that aura.

"We're going to make sure we give our all to get through to the fourth round."

The tie can be viewed as a good marker for Dons who are impressing in League One and are keen to test themselves against teams from higher divisions.

It might be seen as a good time to play Neil Warnock's side as they are without a win in eight – a run which has seen them slide to 17th in the Premier League table.

Warnock has suggested that he will not rest players for the game but Robinson isn't concerned what side turns up as he expects a tough tie regardless.

He said: "I'm not bothered, I don't get involved with other teams.

"They've got players in abundance and are littered with star performers.

"My players will welcome them with a ruthlessness and a passion to match theirs."

Promotion to the Championship is top of the Dons' list of priorities this season but a cup run is still very much on the agenda.

The feeling is that it could boost the club's dealings in the transfer market now the window is back open, and they can take confidence ahead of QPR from the 4-0 Carling Cup win against fellow Premier League side Norwich in August.

"We feel that a good cup run can only advance what we are trying to do at the club and attract players here," Robinson said.

"If we win this game it will be a lot easier to bring a player here knowing you could have a Man Utd coming up at the end of January.

"It's a draw for us to sign new players and it puts us on the world stage."

Tickets are still available for the tie and the club hope to have as many in as possible, with more than 14,000 sold so far.

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F1F314XA	Internet - Online Basics	Rivers ACE Centre	21/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Gain the skills and confidence you need to start using computers and the internet
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J1C360XA	Dance - Ballet - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	11/01/2012	We	20:45	21:45	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Basic barre work for beginners or those who haven't practised since childhood
J1A303CA	Dance - Ballroom & Latin American - Absolute Beginners	Stantonbury Campus	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	20:00	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Tango, waltz or cha-cha-cha - the choice is yours
J1A301CA	Dance - Ballroom & Latin American - Improvers	Stantonbury Campus	16/01/2012	Mo	20:15	21:45	10 wks	£79.00	£63.00	Move on from Beginners to learn new dances and improve your technique
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J1D339XA	Dance - Tap - Intermediate	Rivers ACE Centre	19/01/2012	Th	20:45	21:45	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	For learners moving on from Tap Improvers
J1A305XA	Guitar - Acoustic - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	18:30	20:00	10 wks	£79.00	£63.00	You will need your own guitar and time to practise between sessions
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J1F314XA	Creative Digital Photography - Getting to grips with your digital camera	Rivers ACE Centre	03/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	All day cameras - no computers! Gain confidence using your camera's functions
F1F311XA	Digital Photography - Intro to Using a Compact Camera	Rivers ACE Centre	14/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	For absolute beginners - how to use your compact camera, download photos, store and print
F1E309ZA	Digital Photography and Photoshop Elements - Absolute Beginners	Old Bath House	13/01/2012	Fr	13:00	15:00	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	How to enhance your photos & create special effects with text and graphics
F1A317XA	Digital Photography and Photoshop Elements - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	20/02/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Improve your digital photography technique and image editing
J1A307XA	Digital Photography and Photoshop Elements - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:30	4 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Improve your digital photography technique and image editing
F1F321XA	Internet - Picassa Web Albums - Share your photos with friends and family	Rivers ACE Centre	25/02/2012	Sat	10:00	14:00	1 day	£25.00	£19.00	Share your photos using free Picassa Web Albums
F1F325XA	MovieMaker - an Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Windows Movie Maker makes digital home movies amazingly easy and fun
Flowers and Gardens										
C1D304XQ	Floral Design - City & Guilds Level 1 Award	Rivers ACE Centre	23/02/2012	Th	14:00	16:30	12 wks	£165.00	£30.00	Striking contemporary arrangements for home and office
C1F303XA	Floral Design - Spring/Easter Arrangements	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Celebrate the arrival of spring with inspiring ideas for displays
C1F301XA	Floral Design - Unusual Gifts	Rivers ACE Centre	10/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Ideas to celebrate new arrivals, anniversaries and other special occasions
C1A300CA	Garden Design & Construction - Beginners	Stantonbury Campus	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Plan out your planting, patio and other garden features
C1F305XA	Gardeners' 'World' - Allotments for Novices	Rivers ACE Centre	03/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Crop rotation, soil analysis and composting for all
C1F302XA	Gardeners' 'World' - Propagating, Pruning and Potting Up	Rivers ACE Centre	11/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Get your garden in shape for great spring and summer displays
History										
K1C200LA	Family History - First Steps	CMK Library	29/02/2012	We	18:30	20:30	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	The essential introduction to tracing your family tree
K1C203LA	Family History - Problem Solving & Recording	CMK Library	11/01/2012	We	18:30	20:30	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Techniques to try when you hit a brick wall in your research
K1F204XA	The Language of Architecture - inspiring England for 500 years	Rivers ACE Centre	28/01/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Investigate developments in architecture in Georgian times (18th and early 19th Century)

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Places still available on these spring courses

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Start Date	Days	Start Time	Finish Time	Course Length	Full Fee	Concessionary Fee	For full course information visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ace
Health, Fitness & Beauty										
G1F308XA	Bridal Makeup - An Introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	11/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	How to create a lasting 'million dollar' look on your special day
A1F300XA	Emergency First Aid at Work	Rivers ACE Centre	25/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	You will receive a certificate and manual upon successful completion
G1A301XA	Hairdressing - an introduction	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	Learn how to cut and style and get advice on colouring techniques
G1F309XA	Indian Head Massage	Rivers ACE Centre	11/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Massage techniques for face, head, neck, shoulders & upper arms
A1B303XA	Reflexology	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A safe natural therapy which can revitalise you
H1D301ZA	Swimming Beginners - Mixed Group	Watling Way Pool	19/01/2012	Th	19:00	20:00	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Gain water confidence as you learn to swim
H1B303ZA	Swimming Beginners - Women only	Watling Way Pool	17/01/2012	Tu	18:30	19:30	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Women only class. Gain water confidence as you learn to swim
H1B305ZA	Swimming Beginners - Women only	Watling Way Pool	17/01/2012	Tu	20:30	21:30	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Women only class. Gain water confidence as you learn to swim
H1D302ZA	Swimming Improvers - Mixed Group	Watling Way Pool	19/01/2012	Th	20:00	21:00	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	You should be confident in water and wish to improve your stroke technique
H1B304ZA	Swimming Improvers - Women only	Watling Way Pool	17/01/2012	Tu	19:30	20:30	10 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Women only class. You should be confident in water and wish to improve your stroke technique
Languages										
M1F309XA	All Day French - Absolute Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	04/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Survival language for busy people
M1F301XA	All Day French - Revive your Rusty O Level/GCSE	Rivers ACE Centre	24/03/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Brush up your French for work or holiday
M1F302XA	All Day Spanish - Absolute Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	04/02/2012	Sat	10:00	16:00	1 day	£38.00	£30.00	Survival language for busy people
M1C312XA	Chinese (Mandarin) - Moving on to Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have completed Intermediate/GCSE
M1D315XA	French - Intermediate	Rivers ACE Centre	19/01/2012	Th	09:30	11:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have completed 120 hours in the recent past
M1B303XA	French - Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A chance to develop reading, writing and grammar as well as speaking and listening skills
M1D314XA	German - Intermediate	Rivers ACE Centre	19/01/2012	Th	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have completed 120 hours in the recent past
M1C305XA	Italian - First Steps	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	19:00	20:30	5 wks	£40.00	£32.00	Survival language for busy people
M1C306XA	Italian - Next Steps	Rivers ACE Centre	29/02/2012	We	19:00	20:30	15 wks	£118.00	£95.00	For those who have completed First Steps or equivalent
M1A309XA	Italian - Moving on to Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have completed Intermediate/GCSE
M1C304XA speaking	Italian - Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have reached A-level standard and wish to improve their and listening skills
M1C313XA	Japanese - Intermediate	Rivers ACE Centre	18/01/2012	We	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	For learners who have completed 120 hours in the recent past
M1A310XA	Lip-reading - Beginners	Rivers ACE Centre	16/01/2012	Mo	10:00	11:30	10 wks	£79.00	£63.00	Discounts available for learners referred by GPs or Audiology
M1B311XA	Lip-reading - Improvers	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	18:00	19:30	10 wks	£79.00	£63.00	Discounts available for learners referred by GPs or Audiology
M1B300XA speaking	Russian - Advanced	Rivers ACE Centre	17/01/2012	Tu	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£105.00	£84.00	A continuation course for those who have reached A-level standard and wish to improve their and listening skills
M1B307WA	Spanish - First Steps	MK Academy	17/01/2012	Tu	19:00	20:30	5 wks	£53.00	£42.00	Survival language for busy people
M1B308WA	Spanish - Next Steps	MK Academy	28/02/2012	Tu	19:00	20:30	15 wks	£150.00	£120.00	For those who have completed First Steps or equivalent
Education & Training										
N1E303XQ	Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	Rivers ACE Centre	10/01/2012	Tu	09:30	12:00	15wks	£237.00	£30.00	This qualification provides an introduction to teaching and training adults
N1E304XQ	Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector	Rivers ACE Centre	10/01/2012	Tu	18:30	21:00	15wks	£237.00	£30.00	This qualification provides an introduction to teaching and training adults
N1E300XQ and Schools	Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools -	Rivers ACE Centre Level 2 Certificate	23/03/2012	Fr	12:30	15:00	14wks	£426.00	£30.00	This qualification is for those members of the school workforce who directly support teaching learning of pupils. You will need to have completed the L2 Award in Support Work in
N1E301XQ to	Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools -	Rivers ACE Centre Level 3 Certificate	23/03/2012	Fr	09:30	12:00	14wks	£523.00	£30.00	This qualification is for those candidates who already work as a teaching assistant. You will need have completed the L3 Award in support work in schools and have a role in schools working as a teaching assistant.

ACE fee policy 2011-12

Reduced fees on course codes ending in Q

ACE offers full fee remission on courses leading to a qualification to learners who are:

- Over 16 and under 19 on 31/8/11
- Unemployed and in receipt of income based benefits i.e.
- Job Seeker's Allowance or
- Employment and Support Allowance (Work Related Group)

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You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £30, which may be refunded when you complete the course.

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